GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2957
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EXPORT OF CARDAMOM
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the cost of production of Cardamom as of now;

(b) whether Cardamom is being imported/exported;

(c) if so, the details of import/export of Cardamom with value thereof in rupee terms during the last three years;

(d) whether there is demand to declare support price for Cardamom;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the reaction of Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) According to the rough estimates made by NABARD/ Spices Board, the cost of production of small cardamom is approximately Rs. 275 per kg and for the large cardamom is approximately Rs. 40 per kg.

(b) & (c): Yes, Sir. The details of import/export of cardamom (small and large) during the last 3 years are given below:

Cardamom (Small)

Year	Export		Import	
	Qty(MT)	Value (Rs.lakhs)	Qty(MT)	Value (Rs.lakhs)
1997-98	370	1266.78	88	151.38
1998-99	476	2525.27	277	838.26
1999-00+	646	3201.84	175	538.92

+ Provisional.
Source: Spices Board

Cardamom (large)

Year	Export		Import	
	Qty(MT)	Value (Rs. lakhs)	Qty(MT)	Value (Rs. lakhs)
1997-98	1648	1264.46	3048	1342.59
1998-99	1288	1269.46	3860	1431.99
1999-00+	1211	1696.89	3728	1828.36

+ Provisional.
Source: Spices Board

(d) : No, Sir.

(e) : Does not arise.

(f) : Does not arise.